

## SAFETY TIPS

- Install and maintain an isolation fence separating your pool from the house and play yard.
- There is no substitute for adult supervision — **NEVER** leave a child alone near **ANY** body of water!
- Designate an adult to supervise children around ANY water, especially at social gatherings.
- Never consider children to be “water-safe” despite swimming skills, previous swimming lessons, or experience.
- Floaties, swimmies, or other inflatable flotation toys are **NOT** life jackets and should **NEVER** be substituted for adult supervision.
- Assure a clear view from the house to the pool or spa by removing vegetation and other obstacles.
- Always completely remove the cover before using the pool or spa. **BEWARE:** light-weight, floating solar-type pool and spa covers are not safety covers — a child can become trapped under this type of cover!
- Use only U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation devices.
- Keep toys, tricycles and other play things away from the pool or spa.
- Always empty water in buckets, ice chests and bathtubs. A child can drown in as little as two inches of water.

## WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:

1. Get the child out of the water immediately.
2. Call 9-1-1
3. Begin CPR if you are trained.
4. If you do not know CPR, follow the operator’s instructions until help arrives.

**Learn CPR — the life you save  
may be your child's!  
For an emergency, always call 911**

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS:

### CPR Classes:

American Red Cross	623-0541
Save-A-Life Foundation	623-8484
American Heart Association	795-1403

### Swim Lessons:

American Red Cross	623-0541
Tucson Parks & Recreation	791-4245

TFD Community Safety	837-7075
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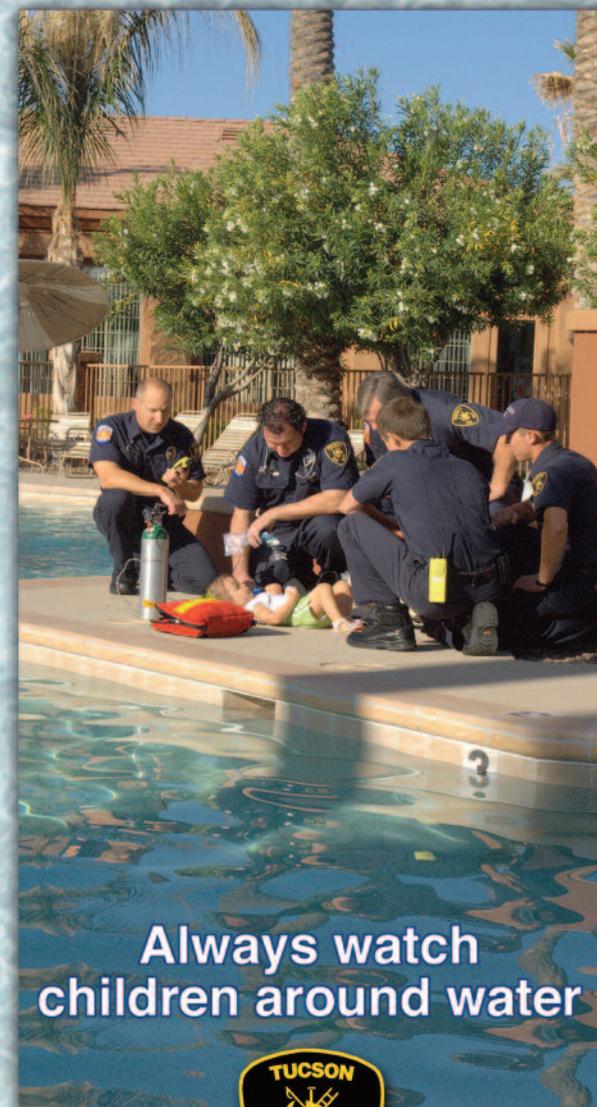
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# Children Aren't Waterproof



## DROWNING

Each year drowning continues to be a leading cause of death and injury to children in the State of Arizona.

### Did you know...

- The vast majority of ALL drowning deaths occur in the family's pool.
- Typically the child was last seen in a “safe” area, far from the pool.
- The most common drowning victim is a two-year old male.
- These tragedies often occur while one or both parents are home.
- Drowning is “**The Silent Killer**” because there is often no cry for help and very little sound from splashing. A child can drown right next to you and you may never hear it. Always watch them in or around water.

**ALWAYS** designate an adult to supervise children in or around ANY body of water — especially during parties or other social gatherings!



## ABC'S OF WATER SAFETY

Practice the ABC's of water safety with your family.

**A**dults should supervise children in and around water. Remove children from the water for any distraction such as a telephone call.

**B**arriers between children and water can save a life. Have a fence that isolates your swimming pool and spa from the home and play yard.

**C**lasses in CPR for adults and swimming lessons for children will help everyone know what to do in an emergency.

**In case of an emergency,  
CALL 9-1-1**



# Swimming Pool "Layers of Protection"

*Supervision is the key to prevent childhood drowning. However, because many of the victims were last seen inside the home, in an area that was considered to be safe, we recommend the following additional "layers of protection":*

### 1. ISOLATION FENCE

Install and maintain an isolation fence that completely separates the swimming pool/spa from the house and play yard. The fence should be a minimum of 5 feet in height. Vertical spacing should not exceed 4 inches. Horizontal supports should be a minimum of 48 inches apart.

### 2. GATES

Gates should also be a minimum of 5 feet in height. Spacing should be the same as for the fence. Gates should be self-closing, self-latching, and open away from the pool. NEVER leave gates propped open.

### 3. SELF-LATCHING MECHANISMS

Equip doors from the house with self-closing, self-latching mechanisms. Doors and windows can also be alarmed to alert the parent if opened.

### 4. MOTION DETECTOR

Motion detector type alarms are an additional "layer of protection," but not a reliable first line of defense against child access.

### 5. Poolside Telephone

A poolside telephone is an essential part of a safe pool environment as it allows caretakers to call 9-1-1 immediately in the event of an emergency. Many drownings occur when a caretaker leaves a child alone in the pool to answer a telephone call. Don't let telephone conversation distract you from watching children in the pool.

### 6. POST CPR AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Post CPR and safety instructions, and the 9-1-1 emergency phone number.

### 7. RESCUE EQUIPMENT

Rescue equipment should be in good repair and easily accessible.

### 8. LIFE LINE

A life line should be stretched across the pool to separate the shallow and deep ends.

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